

APPENDIX J

**GERSTLE RIVER EXPANSION AREA
JUNE 9, 1999 RAB MEETING**

**GERSTLE RIVER EXPANSION AREA
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY
RAB Meeting – June 9, 1999**

The June 9, 1999 Gerstle River Expansion Area Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting was held at Delta Junction City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska at 6:00 p.m. The RAB Meeting was scheduled based on feedback from the previous RAB Meeting held on April 7, 1999.

The meeting was advertised in the Delta Wind (Delta Junction, Alaska) in the June 9, 1999 issue. Notice of the meeting was broadcast as a public service announcement on the Armed Forces Radio Network at Fort Greely, Alaska from June 5-9 1999. Copies of the advertisements are included in Exhibit A.

Andrea Elconin presided over the meeting. Representatives from the Delta Junction community; State of Alaska, Departments of Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources; the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps) Alaska District; and Clearwater Environmental (contractor to the Corps) were in attendance. A copy of the sign-in sheet for the meeting is included in Exhibit B.

Agenda items for the meeting included approval of the draft agenda, approval of the last three meeting minutes, confirmation of new RAB members, briefing on Alaska Fire Service Meeting, PA/SI Comments, Drum Removal Action Update, final verification sampling report comments, planned future actions, agency comments, date, time and proposed agenda items for the next RAB meeting. Current RAB members are listed on the current RAB Member Contact List included in exhibit C. Meeting minutes from the June 9, 1999 RAB Meeting directly follow this summary.

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The meeting was called to order by Andrea Elconin, CoE.

Introductions and sign-in.

<u>RAB Members Present</u>	<u>Agency Members</u>	<u>Guests Present</u>
Tim Webb (Community Co-Chair)	Andrea Elconin (CoE)	Mike Clemens (Clearwater Environmental)
Irene Mead	Robert Layne (ADNR)	Teri Fetherolf (Clearwater Environmental)
Audrey A. Brown	Greg Light (ADEC)	
Tammy Webb (Community Member)	Sam Mills (ACoE/FRO)	
Al Elgren (ADNR)		

Agenda Items (see attached)

1. Approve meeting agenda – Motion made to approve agenda, agenda approved.
2. Approval of last two meeting minutes – Motion to delete agenda item 2. Motion approved.
3. Confirm new RAB members – No new community members were present.
4. Briefing on Alaska Fire Service Meeting – Dave Westermen (not present) and Andrea Elconin met with John Goule and the Alaska Fire Service. After the meeting, three from EOD were briefed on the project and status. Recommendations for fire protection around the Gerstle sites were that fire fighting only be done at sites 9 and 10 and that there be a 600 meter buffer area between sites 9E and 10N. It was pointed out that JohnGoule is not the one to make fire-fighting policy, but the State makes those policies. The fire policies are based on a memo sent out in 1989. There was a discussion based on the need to update these policies.
5. PA/SI Comments – Dave Westerman prepared the PA/SI Report. The report was discussed at the April 7, 1999 meeting. Comments were expected in by the end of May. They are still waiting for more comments to come in. Robert Layne recommended that there is a review conference held to discuss comments on the report, which have not been resolved, before the draft responses are posted. Andrea Elconin pointed out that they go through the comments before they go into the report, and check the validity of those comments. Robert Layne commented that by discussing the comments before hand so theywill not be wasting time. He wants no Final being submitted prior to a review conference.
6. Drum Removal Update– Corps of Engineers and Jacobs Engineering will be going to Gerstle River Expansion Area and removing drums near the Administrative building and

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borrow pit 3, along with any stained soil. The Draft Work Plan will be issued soon. There was some question to the States involvement in this phase. The Department of Environmental Conservation will be reviewing the work plan and Sam Mills will be the Corps Representative on site. Greg Light stated that he DEC will not have a DEC representative there the entire time, because the drum and soil removal is a fairly simple operation. There is some stained soil at the test site, and they wanted to know if it should be reported to the Army, since part of that area is Army land.

Andrea stated the Draft Work Plan for Clean-up is expected to be up for public review at the end of July. Fieldwork is expected to begin at the end of August. Audrey Brown wants the corps to dig a test well at the site. The community feels that if there is any risk to their ground water there should be testing done. The Corps responds that to dig a well is too expensive to do, and with information from a previously dug well, they feel that there would be no contamination, or minimal contamination to the groundwater. Tim requested the Corps research existing data on well depth throughout the area.

7. Final Verification Sampling Report— Robert Layne felt that 33 percent of the comments he submitted on the report were not properly addressed. Audrey felt that the report was too technical, and wanted a "laymans" summary.
8. Planned Further Actions— (Drum Removal) Continue researching the registration area, and tracking information at Ft. Richardson on guns used at Ft. Greely. Sites 9E and 10N will be checked for batteries. There are two pits down the Administrative Road, but there are no plans of cleaning up these pits. It was asked why these areas are not being cleaned up. Andrea replied it was because the FUDS Program doesn't remove or address landfills without contamination or UXO evidence, so there is no money to clean-up these sites. Greg Light pointed out that chemical warfare test sites have waste segregation, so the landfill will be the most hazardous.
9. Agency Comments— Al brings to the attention of the agencies that there was recently mudbog races held at Ft. Greely around the test site. He told the agency representatives that it was advertised on the radio and on fliers all over town. The mudbog races are done on 4-wheelers. He was asked when the races were, and Al replied that the races were on May 15. A request was made for a record of the radio ad. Audrey Brown said she would try and obtain a copy of the ad.

Tim Webb informed the agency members that the army wasn't keeping any one out of the testing areas. Al suggested informing the base commander of the possible risks of the area. A reference was made to a 1980 letter referring to the test sites taking 135 years to clear. The community members brought up the possibility of someone being hit by a land mine on base. They also questioned why would the military allow this if there is a threat and do they know. Tim Webb pointed out that there have not been any military patrols of the test site fence in the last eight years, the fence around the test site is in terrible condition, and there are no signs posted in the area. Tim also pointed out that there is a new Commander at the base every six months. It is recommended that they go first to the local commander, and then to the Ft. Richardson Commander for complaints/queries of the mudbogg racing.

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Robert Layne stated he was glad that the drums and soil will be removed this year, but he felt that there were more sites that need to be addressed. Robert Layne also wanted documents that had been made available to the Corps of Engineers also be made available to the State so that they can make their determination of the area. Robert Layne pointed out that these documents had been requested from the beginning and he felt behind the information curve because he had very little information. Andrea asked if the information had been asked for. Robert Layne replied that he had indeed asked for the information with no response.

Audrey Brown voiced her concern, if State doesn't have all the information, how can they make an educated decision on future actions for the area. Rob requests from Andrea a full list of all the documents that Dave Westerman has had access too, so that he may be able to know what to ask for precisely. Audrey Brown recommends that the Corps spends the money for travel to look up old records. She felt that if money could be spent sending up people for the RAB Meetings, money would be spent better for travel for investigation of site records. Robert Layne requested to go with Dave Westerman on these trips. Further discussion of availability of documents continued.

10. Date, time, and proposed agenda items for the next RAB meeting –

Date: August 11, 1999

Time: 6 p.m.

Agenda:

- 1) Review the Work Plan Removal Action at Borrow Pits and Drum Pit
- 2) Update registration
- 3) Letter of Fire Suppression position
- 4) Brief from Jim Pastoric (UXO Consultant), for ADOC State and Alaska Firefighters Service
- 4) Approve minutes of last four meetings

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None

8:35 — meeting adjourned.

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Gerstle River Expansion Area

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

June 9, 1999, 6:00 p.m.

Community Center, Delta Junction, AK

Draft Meeting Agenda

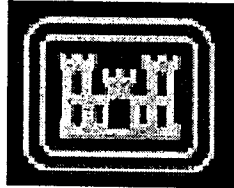


- 1.) Approve agenda
 - 2.) Approve last 3 meeting minutes
 - 3.) Confirm new RAB members, if needed
 - 4.) Briefing on Alaska Fire Service Meeting
 - 5.) PA/SI Comments
 - 6.) Drum Removal Action Update
 - 7.) Final Verification Sampling Report Comments
 - 8.) Planned future actions
 - 9.) Agency comments
 - 10.) Date, Time, and proposed agenda items for next RAB Meeting
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EXHIBIT A
MEETING ADVERTISEMENTS

GERSTLE RIVER EXPANSION AREA

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



DATE: Wednesday, June 9th
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Delta Junction
Community Center

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will be holding a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting for the Gerstle River Expansion Area. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

Agenda Items:

- ◆ Briefing on Alaska Fire Service Meeting
- ◆ PA/SI Comments
- ◆ Drum Removal Action Update
- ◆ Final Verification Sampling Repeat Comments

For more information regarding this meeting, please contact:

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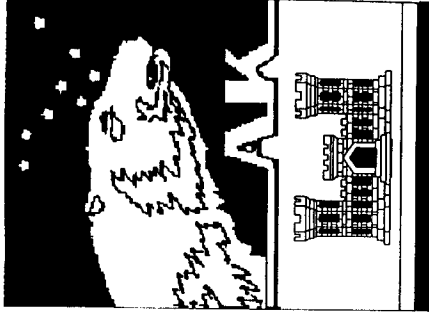
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SIGN-IN SHEETS

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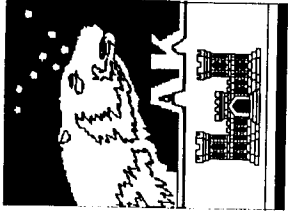
RAB Member Sign In Sheet

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NAME	ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)/ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	INITIALS
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Al Elgren Edgren	ADNR / P.O. Box 1149, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-4225	
Nat Good	Community Member / Box 827, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-6282	
Irene Mead	Community Member / Box 186, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-4813	JM
P.R. Miller	Community Member /	895-4493	
Tammy Webb	Community Member / HC 62 Box 5358, Delta Junction, AK 99737	895-1024	TW
Tim Webb	Community Member, RAB Co-Chair	895-1024	TW

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Guest Sign In Sheet

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Greg Light	DEC, 610 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709	451-2180	
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EXHIBIT C

RAB MEMBER CONTACT LIST

RAB Member Contacts

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<u>Audrey Brown</u>	<u>895-4537</u>